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## GERMANS NOW OVER FRONTER

Petrograd Reports Allege Te tons Have Been Deleated North of Vistula.

Petere City Falls .-- No Change in West.

London, Dec. 22.-It is only at the northern and southern extremities of the line of battle in the eastern arena THREE NEGROES KILLED; of war that any marked change by to be noted today, in the western theater siege warfare of the most stubborn and laborious kind persists. This briefly sums up the situation both in the east and west today, so far as has been disclosed in an official state-

The ultimate outcome of the German advance upon Warsaw still is problematical, as a decisive conflict has yet to be fought. Although the Russian center has retired, it now has been reinforced and it is holding a line or the Baura from its junction with the

North of the Vistula, if reports from Petrograd may be believed, the Germans have been whipped and pushed back over the frontier until their line now stretches behind Soldau. which is midway between Lautenburg Makes Appeal to Governor to Serve and Niedenburg in cast Prussia, To the south it is contended in Russian reports that the movement of Austrians through the Carpathians has been defeated simultaneously with the defeat of the garrison at Przemysi, which was hurled back before an attempted sortle.

Berlin, Dec. 22 -An official state ment issued today says: "At Nieuport and around Ypres the

situation yesterday was quiet "In order to re-capture the positions lost by them December 20 at St. Hubert and Givenchey the English forces, reinforced by French territorials made desperate attacks during yesterday and last night, all of which, however, were repulsed. Around Richeheurs the enemy succeeded in ob-

French attacks resterday near Al. in North Halstend street. bert, at Sousin and at Perthes were repulsed with heavy lesses to the French. Argonne district we captured a few the north and northwest of Vedun. French attacks were repulsed with

LORVY IOSSES. The situation in cost and west Prussts is unchanged. In Poland, our troops are engageds in a flerce battle for possession of branches of the Brura and Rawks rivers. In many stances they crossed over tributaries

"On the right bank of the river Pillen, fighting by the Germanic attes in

niready in their possession

statement says:

Between the sea and the Lys. Dethan artillery engagements. Between the regular adoption made man attacking column, which was endenvoring to come out from Carency.

and nearby trenches made it impossible for our troops to make material dight gains east and west of Tracy or books. Le-Val. and our artillery delivered of fleacious fire on the plateau of Nouv- BEWITCHED, SHE SAYS

"In the Champagne and in the Arcoune, near Sonain, there has been violent bayonet engagements. We have not made perceptible progress in this region. We have occupied in the suburbs of Perthesan-Les-Hurius three German positions representing the front of the entrenchments 1,500

"In the forest of La Grurie our procress continues. At St. Hubert repulsed an attack in the forest of Here certain ground been lost, but we re-captured two thirds of it.

"In the suburbs of Vanquois. troops were successful in making their way through barbed wire entanglement and taking possession certain trenches of the enemy where they maintained themselves."

THOUSANDS ARE DYING IN FLOODS IN CHINA

Peking. Dec. 22.—The minister of agriculture and commerce H. F. Chang Reinsch, the American minister, asking if he will urge the Red Cross society to proceed as quickly as possible with loan for the Whai River Conserancy project. Another terrible flood has occurred, worse than usual and thousands of lives are being lost from pes- an as court attendants led her away. tilence and starvation as well as

WHEAT PRICES AT ENID REACHING RECORD MARK

fuld, Ok., Dec. 22.-Wheat prices ached the highest point today since 1808. Local mills are paying \$1.00 a bushel. The highest point reached since 1898 was \$1. It is believed the months have passed. The war in EuGARRISON HELD READY
rope is having expected influence on

FORMER GEORGIA SENATOR

IS POUND DEAD IN BED Valdosta, Ga., Dec. 22.—Former nited States Senator William S. est was found dead in bed at his one early today. He retired apparally in good health.

### DRYS TALK ON HOBSON PROHI BILL

Washington Dec. 22 - Under a spein rule, which was adopted withour roll call the house began just after neon, an eight-hear delaste on the Hobsen resolution to submit to states the constitutional amendment for national probibition. An aye and no vote will be reached toright.

GREAT BATTLE FOR WARSAW He said more than 0,000,000 people have petitioned congress for submisslon of the amendment.

"If details of this resolution are Decisive Conflict Must Occur not satisfactory," said he, "let us amend it. What we seek is a scientific remedy for a deep-seated scientific disease. We see a disease which is debauching our youth through a national organized liquor traffic in its search for profits; and we seek a rem

#### FOUR WHITES ARE WOUNDED

Walhalla, S. C., Dec. 22.-Three ne groes were shot and killed and four white men wounded yesterday in a ruce clash near Fair Plain, Oconce county, according to information reaching here. Sheriff Davis departed last night for Fair Plain, which is twenty five miles from here. The clash is said to have resulted from feeling aroused by the stabbing of a white man by a negro.

## SISTER SEEKS PRISON TERM

for Brother So He Can Spend Christmas at Home.

Chicago, Ili., Dec. 22.-"Life is dear to me; I love freedom. But if they will let me 1 will sacrifice it allhome, liberty and even life-to win freedom for my brother. I have writ-ten to the governor of Wisconsin, where my brother is serving a seven year sentence for a crime of which I believe him to be innocent. If they will only let me go to prison in his stead I am ready to start today."

Louise Kester, spinster, fifty years old uttered this wish today to be allowed to stone for the crime a murder which a Wisconsin jury found M. Kester, at Misocqua, Wis., guilty of. The woman lives in three pitifully barren rooms in the second story at the rear of an old frame house

Sound and at Perthes were with heavy lesses to the In the western part of the brother is innocent. If the governor could only know all the misery that has been caused by his imprisonment I am sure he would pardon him and let him come home to his family for Christmas. I would be glad to go to

#### ADOPT NEW STUDIES

When State Board of Education Meets Uniform Courses in Penmanship and Domestic Science.

When the state board of education Paris Dec 22. Today's official mosts in January it is likely that an adoption will be made in penmanship and domestic science, these two studcomber 21, there was nothing further les thus far having been omitted from Lys and the Alsne we repulsed a Ger- months ago. The reason for the delay was that the text-books the board wished to adopt had not been com-"An attack of the enemy on Mametz pleted, but will be by the time the board meets again. The adoption to be made will place these two studies progress to this direction. We made under the same uniformity with oth-

Mother-in-Law Appeals to Heaven From Court When Summoned Daughter-in-Law.

Yonkers, N. Y., Dec. 22.-Mrs, Mary Muzzar, a comely matron, went into the city court today and asked Judge Madden to make her mother-in-law. Mrs. Josephine Muzzar, stop calling so often at her house.

The mother-in-law appeared in an swer to a summons charging her with malicious mischlef in annoying her daughter-in-law by the frequency of

her calls and by gossip.

The older woman had a counter grievance, declaring her daughter-inlaw used witcheraft and cast a speci

over her which made her head ache Judge Madden told the mother-in law to stay away from the young wom an's home so she could not be bewitch

"There is more justice in Heaver Thien, has again written to Paul S. than in Yoskers," the older woman ex-

claimed. "But you must remember I am living on earth and doing the best I can here," declared the magistrate. "I will appeal my case to the pow

ers of Heaven," said the older wom-FRENCH MALES OF FIGHTING

AGE TO BE HELD BY GERMANS Berlin, Dec. 22.-Following the en-

forcement of a similar measure against Englishmen, the German government will intern all French males between the ages of 16 and sixty who are residing in German. They will be taken to a camp near Holseminden

AT OBERDANK ADDRESS Venice, via Rome, Dec. 22.—Deputy
Deandries delivered an infiammatory oration at the memorial service held in honor of Oberdank. The speech was greeted with enthusiastic applause. The entire garrison was kept in readiness throughout the day, but no untoward incident occurred.

were burned, the fire starting in the drug store of G. S. Webber. The total loss is estimated at \$35,000. A high wind was blowing from the north at the time which carried the flames to adjoining buildings. The buildings burned will be replaced by brick structures. Much of the loss was covered by insurance.

## THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT, 1914.



# Superior French Artillery Gaining German I renches

office has made public a report of an ine recently. It says:

"During the period from the sevascendancy gained by our infantry has placed us in a position to make, in various section of the front, progress which seems to have disturbed the en-

The German infantry is more cautions and continuous sniping by them denotes a certain amount of nervousness. The fact that they are using searchlights and lighting rockets more and more reveals their fear of attacks.

"After the expensive and useless experiments of last month our adversaries seem almost everywhere to be re duced to defensive measures and it is said we who on the whole of the front have assumed the offensive. "Also in the artillery duels our batteries are showing more and more

their superiority. er the enemy who from the seventh to the ninth had contented themselves with bombarding our lines and partic darly the city of Ypres on the tenth

directed to the south of that city their

Paris, Dec. 22.—The French war | infantry attacks against our trenches "The first two of these attacks eye witness of events along the battle were repulsed. The third reached our first line of trenches but on the following night we regained this position. enth to the fifteenth of December the On the 12th the enemy made another attack which also was repulsed.

"On the 14th our infantry took the offensive, in spite of the exceeding muddy condition of the field, and suc ceeded in capturing a German trend several thousand meters in length. Our infantry here held their ground against flerce counterattacks by the

"The next day with the co-operation of the Belgian troops we succeded in sallying forth from Nieuport and taxing positions on the western outskirts

Saint Georges. "During all these engagements the German artitlery gave their infantry very poor assistance.

"On the eleventh to the east of th

read to Lille, we blew up by a mine a German sapping tunnel On Zonaves and sappers were quick springing into the excavation made by the explosion. Once there hombarded the German trenches with melinite petards.

"The same day near Lihone one of our mines was detonated and blew up and destroyed a German counter mine, The enemy's sappers were thrown into the air in the midst of a cloud of umoke.

"The Germans manifested that ac tivity only by two attacks, one on the eleventh in the region of Fonques court and the only near Ovillers. Both attacks easily were repulsed,
"A German prisoner declared him-

self impressed by the good spirits of the French troops, which he said contrasted with the weariness of his comrades. Our troops, well fed and warmly clad, are full of confidence.

"On the 12th a German soldier cam toward our trenches holding in one the villages of Lombaertzyde and hand some cigars and in the other a proclamation announcing several Russian defeats. He had no time to make negotiations; a well aimed bullet brought his attempt to an end

Between the Oise and the Argonne from the 7th to the 16th there was an artillery duel all along the front almost every day. There was no intervention by the infantry except on the night of the 7th and 8th during a German attack on Tracy Le Val which was easily repulsed.

#### HOT DEATH IN NEWEST MANKILLER

Gloscoster, Mass. Last 22. A new type of projectle which would sentter a white-hot mixture of motion steel steel over the object of attact and at the same time permease the atmosphere with a deadly gas which would make it impossible for the fighters to approach, has been invented by Jone JOLT FOR BANKING BOARD Hays Hammond, Jr., according to a statement made by the inventor.

The new misdle may soon appear in the European war as some of the belligerent nations are now negotiar bug for its purchase, he said. The fulfed States government at present is conducting experiments with the new projectile at Sandy Hook, he add

The missile is designed for use in slege game as an aid in destroying and dirigible ballsons

Mr Hammond explained that proleartles carrying an aluminothermic fure at a temperature of 5,000 degrees stockholders in that concern could not

the laventor said, it explodes, its of their stock, white hot metal causing fire to suring. The decision was handed down in up in all inflammable material. Its the case of I. D. Laukford, state bank the vicinity attempting to quench the commissioner against J. A. Menelss

### WILLIAMS MEETS WITH OIL MEN

Governor-Elect Expected to Recommend Measure for Production Regulation to Legislature.

No concrete plan was determined upon by representatives of oil product written by Justice R. H. Loofborough ing associations in the state in con- the court excepting Justice Riddle who ference with the corporation commiss wrote a long dissenting opinion: sion and Governor-elect Williams today, but all favored some law that would give the corporation commisrestrictive measures, and it is be, kell administration. lieved that with proper authority con-ferred by the legislature the commis-sion would be able to cope with the were far in excess of the assets and

#### SAYS WIFE SUFFERS supreme court optaton.

Depositor of Bank of Pryor Says Cashier Was Sentenced to Satisfy Political Prejudice.

Governor Cruce has received a letter from a depositor of the bank at Pryor of which W. L. Jones was coulin the penitentiary, asking that ciem ency be shown Jones. The writer of failure is overraied in the opinion. the letter says he believes Jones has. The Columbia Bank and Trust conwhat action might be taken, if any,

#### MANY BODY PICTURES

English Soldiers Patronizing Tatton Artists Freely Since War's Beginning-Various Inscriptions.

London, Dec. 22-Since the outbrenk of war introops have been par ticularly bosy decorating the arms of British soldiers and satiors and

many Belgians with inscriptions. A favorite decoration is the Eng. lish and Belgian flags with the word "Death to the Germans" or "Down With the Germans' underneath der the trust company act. these being largely patronized by

also in great demand. Some sentiof their regiments put in. One sailor is said to have the names of his wife and five children pricked on his arm, indement of the trial court should have jority of the supreme court recently, as a sort of inocculation against fe-

is holding that the allotments of ver. while saflors believe the idea is Trust company secured the benefits of handed down from the time when the guarantee fund and permitted its flogging was in vogue. Then it was depositors to be paid therefrom it the practice to have a cross tattooed should also share in the general Haconcurs with Justice Turner in his on the back which might save them billity to the guarantee fund as prowhen the time for punishment came. Justice Turner's oninton reviews One of the victims in the recent "Bulthe history of the treaties made with wark" disaster was identified by cer-

#### NEW GOVERNOR OF BELGIUM TO PROTECT AGRICULTURE

Amsterdam, Dec. 22 -- Major General Keim, recently appointed German military governor of the Belgian province of Limbourg, entered upon that Germany would be glad to release his new duties with a proclamation all prisoners of war because of the difhis new duties with a proclamation in which he declared that under his government agriculture nad cattleratsing would find high favor and protection. He sise guaranteed tection of person and property to all against reports that young men who return would be pressed into military service. In conclusion he warned the population aginst any acts of violence of prohibition includes all art

# ARE NOT LIABLE

Supreme Court Ruling in Columbia Bank and Trust Company Case.

#### J. A. Menefee Wins Test Case Brought By J. D. Langford luvelving \$200,000.

A severe joit was administered to the state bank commissioner and the banking board in its efforts to complace the liquidation of the defunct Comixture which, five seconds after the imphia Bank and Trust company of projectile is discharged, turned the Oklahema City, when the state sustoel hosble into a white hot mix preme court held this morning that When the projectile hits the target, be held liable for double the amount

> and was rendered on re-hearing, the supreme court formerly laying down the reverse principle that the stockholders of the defunct concern could be held to repay to the state double the liability as represented by their entire stock holdings. The former opinion was rendered before the retirement of Justices Williams, Hayes and Dutan and was concurred in by the entire court at that time with the exception of Justice Dunn

By Loofborough.

The opinion of the court today was and is concurred in by all members of

The case was originally brought by the bank commissioner in the district court of Cadde county, seeking to rewould give the corporation commis-cover double the amount of steck own-sion power to regulate the production ed in the Columbia Bank and Trust of oil on a conservative plan. Gover company by J. A. Menetee, former nor Williams will probably recommend state treasurer, amounting to \$25,000. a measure on the proposition in his The bank failed while Meneteo was message to the legislation. Oil men the biggest financial and political sententials the importance of some sort of sation that developed during the Has-

situation that confronts of producers that the liability of stockholders under now. Governor Croce believes that the the double limbility clause of the state final solution of the oil industry in banking act would amount to about the state is in a production based \$200,000. The trial court found in faon market demands, and that this plan vor of Menefes and the bank commis sioner appealed the decision of the lower court being reversed by the first

Extent of Liability.

Justice Loofborough in his opinion holds that the extent of Menefee's linbillity is measured by Section 16 of the Trust company act and is to the extent of double the amount that is un paid upon stock held by him. The contention of the state that Menefee could he held liable for the entire amount of fer, and who was sentenced to a term stock owned by him or \$200,000 even though paid for at the time of the

suffered enough, that his prosecution pany was organized in 1905 under the seemed to satisfy a political prejudiaws of Oklahoma Territory governing dice rather than punish any great trust companies and which gave them crime. The writer says that the one a right to do a banking business. The who is actually suffering more than court holds that the section of this law customers of the bank is the wife of fixing liability of stockholders was not Jones The governor did not indicate changed after statehood and that stock holders in a trust company organized under that statute cannot be held responsible under the double liability provision of the general banking statate governing state banks even though the institution were engaged in a banking business.

Justice Loofborrough also held that if the legislature had intended to make stockholders in trust companies amenable to this provision of the state banking act it would have so provided. Riddle Dissents.

Justice Riddle, in his dissenting opinion, takes the opposite view, and holds that when the state seeks to enforce the double liability clause the defendants should be estopped from asserting that they were organized un-

"This principle of estoppel has been Belgian and British soldiers. A bull- viduals assuming similar positions to dog standing by the Union Jack is viduals assuming similar prositions toward each other." says Justice Riddle and has been enforced in this court mental Tommies have pictures of their against individuals under the same ed down a dissenting opinion in the girls or names of them inscribed on state of facts, and why it should not case of Stephen W. Allen et al., vs. their arms, Others have the names be applied in the present case I am mable to discover.

Justice Riddle believes that the Many soldlers believe in tattooing have been reversed. He also believes tout since the Columbia Bank and vided for state banks.

#### PRISONERS EATING GERMANY OUT OF FOOD SAY AGENTS

Copenhagen, Dec. 22.-Agents of the commissary department of the German army, who are here purchasing supplies, admit that Germany's shortage in some respects is serious. They state that Germany would be glad to reficulty in providing supplies for The agents find their tasks made difficult by the Danish problid-tion against export of many articles. Then have succeeded, invester, in purcharing large quantities of which may still be experted to the nv. They would like to get a pairs of boots and shows, but the

## DAUGHTER BEATS FATHER'S KILLER

Intruder Escapes After Murdering Millionaire and Wounding Son-Girl Used Hair Brush.

Los Angeles, Dec. 22.-William Montrose Alexander, a retired attouney, reputed to be a millionaire, for many years, a resident of Dallas, Texas, was shot and killed by one of two burgiars whom he discovered in his home. W. M. Alexander, Jr., deavoring to go to the aid of his fath er, was shot in the breast. Another bullet severed the index finger of his

the daughters, heard the shots fired by ber brother, and rushed to his aid With a sliver-backed hair brush she beat the burglar on the bead as he struggled to free himself from the grasp of the wounded brother. burgiar finally broke away and eacaped.

FIRE AGAIN DESTROYS BUSINESS BLOCKS IN LEEDY

Leedy, Ok., Dec. 22.-For the second time in the last two years a portion of the business center of town was destroyed by fire, when six houses were burned, the fire starting in the

# MAY SETTLE CASES FREEDMAN LAND

Tax Appeal Suits Pending in District Court Probably Will Be Ended Without Lengthy Litigation.

That there is a probability of settling the 600 tax appeal cases pend ing in the district court without lengthy litigation and great expense to the county, was the declaration of H. Y. Thompson this morning. "Mr. Pope has succeeded in settling many of these cases," said Mr. Thompson. "And I am going to assign a man to them and try to arrange a settlement."

## WEATHER

Unsetted and generally cloudy tonight and Wednesday; no change in temperature.

The Lake atorm is passing down at. Lawrence valley and the high pressures has spread eastward to the Atlantiques giving clearing weather in the northern districts. The pressure is low

# TAX NOT RIGHT

Justices Turner and Kane Disagree With Other Members of Court in Allen-Trimmer Case.

Justice John B. Turner today hand-J. F. Trimmer, treasurer of Garvin county in which he expresses the betief that the position taken by a ma-Chickasaw freedmen are taxable is untenable. Chief Justice Kane also dissenting opinion.

the Choctaws and Chickasaws and tain tatton-marks. states that the freedmen were given equal privileges in these documents with the Indians by blood in relation to the taxation and allenation of their allotments. The Atoka agreement, the opinion holds, expressly exempts lands of the Chickmans from allenation and taxation for 21 years from date of patent as long as title remains in original allottee. The supplemental agreement made later does not abro-Justices Turner and Kane and it is

full force and effect. this case will be carried to the su-preme court of the United States for final determination as a federal question is involved, also large sums